



Albuquerque Model Car Club Newsletter October 2018

New Mexico State Fair 2018

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Albuquerque Model Car Club

2018 Meetings: Every 1st Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.
Folks can arrive as early as 12 Noon to build and talk models.
Meeting starts at 3:00 and ends around 5:00

Meeting Location: Old Car Garage 3232 Girard NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico

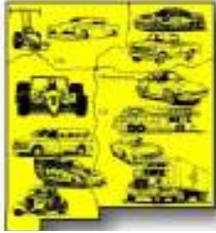
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The AMCC Newsletter is written and edited by Chuck Herrmann.

If you or your club has news that you would like to pass on to the modeling community, send the info on to me digitally at ABQMCC1@yahoo.com .and I will add it to this newsletter. Show dates are subject to changes/cancelation. Also follow Albuquerque Model Car Club on Facebook.

AMCC Meeting Minutes Sep 2, 2018 Old Car Garage

Thanks to Dave for minutes and photos!



Treasury: \$1,355.98

The next GSL will be in 2019, and there will be only one more after that.

There were only 60 model car entries at the State Fair. Many club members did not bother to enter (you know who are).

The Las Lunas Swap meet is this month, on 9/ 28-30.

Next club meeting Oct 7--Founders Day Picnic at Taylor park

Scale Auto now has a DVD with all the old copies of the magazine on it.

Rumors suggest Revell molds are being bought up for reissue, and Revell of Germany is shipping kits to US.

New Stuff:

No new kits announced. Out now:

AMT: '66 Mercury Super Street, '69 Dodge Charger snap kit, '40 Ford sedan, IH Scout II, '65 El Camino Gear Hustler, '57 Chrysler 300C.

Moebius: '65 Comet Cyclone A/FX, Super Single tractor wheel/tire sets



The next quarterly contest is Pro Street in November.

Quarterly Contest Schedule

November 2018 Theme: Pro Street

February 2019 Theme: Scratchbuilt/Kit Bash

Other stuff on the table in September:



Albuquerque Model Car Club Update

The next regular meeting of the Albuquerque Model Car Club will be on Sunday, October 7, This will be the annual club picnic, at Taylor Park on Indian School. Cooking begins at 11:00 am.

Rich has a neighbor who is looking for plastic sprue for a project. So if you have some sprue left from your builds bring it in to the meeting.

Albuquerque Model Car Club on Facebook

AMCC has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! Find us under Albuquerque Model Car Club. We encourage members and fans to post photos of your models or projects. Also feel free to post photos of neat cars you come across or from local events. Also any news you think would be of interest to the AMCC community. And our newsletter can be accessed from the site.



AMCC MAILBAG

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

We are starting to see what the future holds for Revell after the selloff of the old Revell USA.



The Revell USA Facebook page seems to have come alive. A new logo and this announcement on September 7:

Dear Revell fans,

Revell USA, LLC and Revell GmbH are now one consolidated company. We are currently producing new products for the US market, developing a new website and updating the consumer service process. Unfortunately we are unable to service parts requests at this time but we will resume as soon as possible.

Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Then a few days later this piece ran in *Scale Auto* online:

Revell USA is back, new '68 Chevelle SS coming soon

Word finally is out that Revell USA is back in business with offices and a warehouse in Northlake, Ill. (suburban Chicago). Plus it announced one all new kit, a 1968 Chevy Chevelle SS 396, is coming soon.

Lou Aguilera, Revell USA's president, told Scale Auto and FineScale Modeler, that new kit shipments are arriving now and that the first shipments of Revell kits to distributors will begin next week. He said additional kits from Revell Germany, which owns Revell USA, will be arriving in about 45 to 60 days. It's likely some of those early kits will be arriving at hobby shops and other model retailer stores within the next month.

Aguilera said there are 10 car kits being released this fall, led by the '68 Chevelle that was somewhat of a secret project at Revell, but that had been rumored lately to be in the works. The modern Ford GT racer that was reviewed in Scale Auto's August issue is still in the works and will be a Revell Germany release. It's expected to release some time this winter.

Other fall releases include Greased Lightning '48 Ford Convertible, Pro Modeler '69 Dodge Charger Daytona 2 'n 1, '67 Plymouth GTX, Cadillac Escalade, SnapTite Max Camaro Concept Car, '64 Chevy Impala SS 2 'n 1, '69 BOSS 302 Mustang, Frank Iaconio's Chevy

Camaro Pro-Stock, and Tom Daniel's Rommel's Rod.

The '48 Ford Convertible includes updated tooling and now has tampon-printed whitewall tires. Aguilera said many of these kits will have tampon-printed redline or whitewall tires where appropriate, plus other improvements and features.

For instance, the Dodge Charger comes with photo-etched metal parts, the GTX with tampon-printed redline tires, the Mustang with tampon-printed tires, the Escalade tampon-printed black window edges, and the snap kit Camaro will include the black window edges, plus waterslide decals along with peel 'n stick stickers to appeal to both first-time and serious modelers. The Camaro also will be molded in lime green.

The new 1/25 scale Chevelle SS kit will include 126 pieces and feature a fully detailed 396cid V8, separate frame structure and tampon-printed redline tires. This will be a skill level 5 kit. For those looking to order one, the product is No. 85-4445.

Aguilera said Revell is excited to be back in the U.S. market and especially happy to have 10 kits including the all-new Chevelle to relaunch the brand this fall.

Revell Inc.'s offices were closed in April after Hobbico, which owned Revell, declared bankruptcy and sold Revell's assets to a German investment group that consolidated the business under Revell Germany, where all engineering and product development will now occur. Aguilera said sales and marketing for the US market will take place in the Illinois office.

He said the US distribution channel will be much as it was before the ownership change and before Hobbico's closure. Included will be Horizon Hobby in Champaign, Ill., which bought much of Hobbico's facilities and its radio-control product lines.

Aguilera also added that Revell Germany products will begin arriving at the US warehouse within a few weeks to expand the US product line. A lot of new items are in the development pipeline too, he said, estimating about 60 products in production, including the restock of existing items and production of new releases.

And there is more news on the Revell/USA situation. It looks like their tooling assets have been divided up. The new Revell USA will be issuing some of the former Revell USA catalog again. I assume this is their more current stuff. Some molds have been sold to Atlantis Models.



They have been offering kits based on old tooling from other companies, like Aurora. Mostly they have done non-automotive, like monsters, ships and planes. Their only auto kits were reissues of the old Smer 50's era Grand Prix Kits. So we need to wait to see what, if any, car kits they do. Some kits are due first quarter 2019.

Also, Salvino JR, the new company that just released the 1980 Olds NASCAR kit, has announced that they have purchased some of the old Monogram NASCAR tooling from Revell's Elk Grove location. They plan to reissue some NASCAR kits; they will work with Mike's Decals for the decal sheets. Again, we await specific kit announcements.



In the meantime, Salvino JR has announced their second release, a limited run (2,500) kit of Donny Allison's 1979 Hawaiian Tropic NASCAR Oldsmobile.



Real World

VW Beetle Production to End!

Volkswagen has decided to once again end production of its iconic Beetle. The company's American unit has announced that it would end global production of the third-generation bug in July 2019 after offering two special editions for sale. The special editions, which come in coupe and convertible body styles, get unique beige and blue colors in addition to the normal hues. They also get standard extra chrome, new wheels and three-color ambient lighting inside.

The original Beetle was introduced in Germany in 1938 during the Nazi era and came to the U.S. 11 years later, where it became a symbol of utilitarian transportation often used by hippies. The iconic car sold for about 30 years before U.S. sales stopped in 1979. The last of the original bugs was produced in Puebla, Mexico, in 2003.

Volkswagen revived it in the U.S. in 1998 as a more modern "New Beetle," but it attracted mainly female buyers. The company revamped it for the 2012 model year in an effort to make it appeal to men, giving it a flatter roof, less bulbous shape, a bigger trunk and a navigation system. U.S. sales rose fivefold to more than 29,000 in the first year, rising to just over 46,000 in 2013 but tailing off after that. Last year VW sold only 15,166. Volkswagen has no immediate plans to revive the Beetle again, but the company wouldn't rule it out. At least not at this time.

VW plans to roll out an electric version of the old Bus in 2022 called the I.D. Buzz.

Pebble Beach Winners

Among the winners at the recent Pebble Beach Concours were:



1970 Ferrari 512 S Modulo Pininfarina Coupe



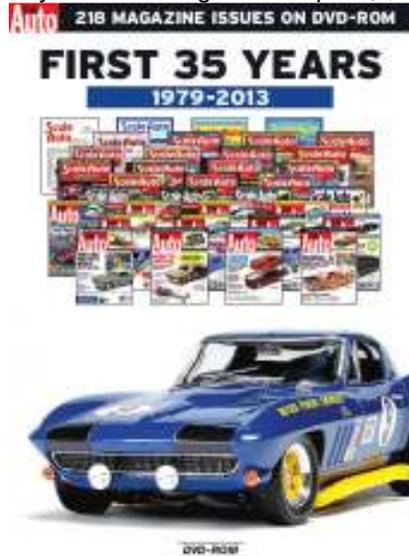
1937 Cadillac Series 90 Hartmann Cabriolet



1935 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continental Gurney Nutting Streamline Coupe

Media

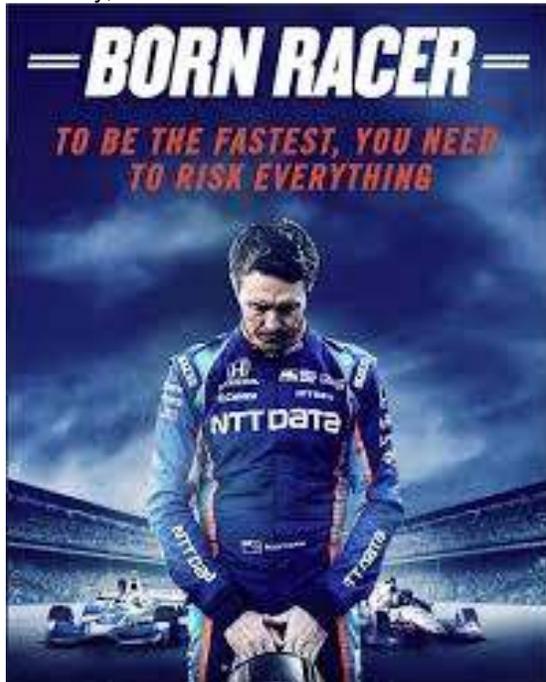
Scale Auto Magazine has released a one DVD issue of their first 35 years. This is a convenient way to have everything available digitally. The only drawback might be the price, \$89.95.



Media

Scott Dixon Documentary Movie – *Born Racer*

IndyCar driver and champion Scott Dixon will be the subject of a new documentary film, *Born Racer*. The movie will debut Oct. 2. In addition to a chronicle Dixon's wins and racing career, this is an in-depth look at him, the Chip Ganassi team, his family, and the emotions that drive them.

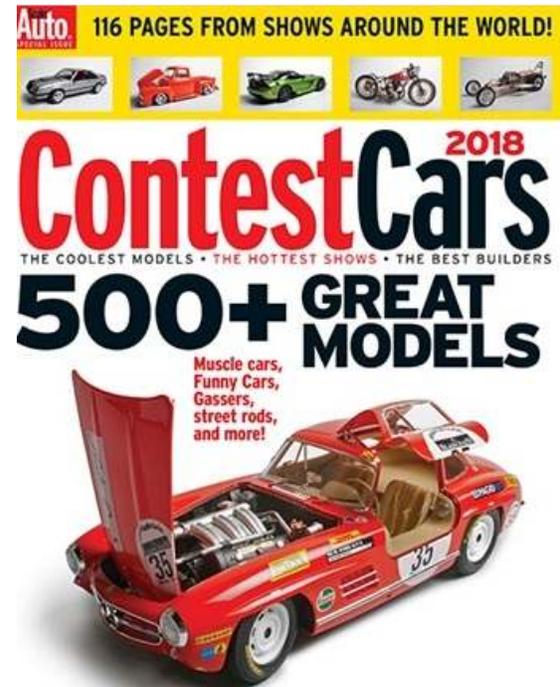


Born Racer will be available on DVD and digital download. Watch for any local theaters as the date approaches.

See www.bornracermovie.com for more.

Contest Cars 2018

The annual special issue from *Scale Auto/Kalmbach* is now out. Contest Cars 2018



Events Calendar

Sept 28-30 NMCCC/LOS LUNAS 40TH ANNUAL SWAP MEET
MORRIS FIELD, LOS LUNAS NM

October 7 Albuquerque Model Car Club Annual Picnic

Oct 22 US Grand Prix
Circuit of the Americas Austin, TX

Also see www.nmcarcouncil.com for the local real car event schedule.

Please pass along any other events that would be of interest to our members or readers.

2018 New Mexico State Fair Model Contest



This year's 80th New Mexico State Fair was held September 6-16 at the Expo New Mexico State Fairgrounds. Once again there was a Model Car display coordinated and judged by Albuquerque Model Car Club.



The model car entry was a little down from past years.



There were 60 entries, displayed in three cases.



The Best of Show Ribbon went to Brad Smith's large scale 1968 Shovelhead motorcycle. See the cover photo.



Above is a scratchbuilt wooden 1903 Mercer.





Above is Best of Show for Junior/Teen.



Here is Best of Show for Juniors.



The Military and Science Fiction Model Contest was once again coordinated and judged by our fellow local club, IPMS/Albuquerque Scale Modelers. There were over eighty entries on that side of the model display.



Don Panoz 1935-2018

Edited from motorsport.com

Don Panoz, who saved sports car racing in North America by establishing the AMLS series, passed away on September 11. After making his fortune inventing the technology behind the nicotine patch, he set up the Château Élan Winery and Resort in Braselton, GA, backed his son Dan's fledgling company Panoz Auto Development. In 1996, Panoz bought Road Atlanta. Panoz Motorsports was founded in 1997 won over fans with the wild-looking Esperante GTR-1 made in conjunction with Reynard, that situated a 6-liter Roush Ford unit in the front of the cockpit and took on the more conventional prototypes with moderate success in the FIA GT championship of the time. It also raced in the USRRC, winning 3 races and also eight wins in the IMSA GT Series, earning Panoz LLC the constructors' and teams' championship.



Meanwhile Panoz founded the 10-hour Petit Le Mans race at his local track in 1998, and he formed the American Le Mans Series in time for the 1999 season, adopting the Automobile Club de l'Ouest's rulebook for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. A partnership with the ACO meant that top ALMS teams gained automatic entries in the legendary French race. Panoz Motorsports won that inaugural ALMS title with the open-top version of the Esperante, the Roadster-S



Later, the GT-spec brought the company two high-profile GT2-class wins in 2006: the Sebring 12 Hours and then triumph at Le Mans 24 Hours.

Panoz also was successful in Indy Car. He purchased the G-Force company as a chassis supplier for the Indy Racing League and won the Indianapolis 500 in 2003 (Gil de Ferran, Penske) and '04 (Buddy Rice, Rahal Letterman Racing).

Panoz was selected by the Champ Car World Series to be the spec chassis supplier for the series in 2007, replacing Lola in what would prove to be the CCWS's final season. Sebastien Bourdais was the marque's final champion in open-wheel racing, driving for Newman Haas Racing in 2007. When the IRL took over Champ

Car to form the IndyCar Series for 2008, the DP01 was rendered obsolete, Will Power scoring its final win in that year's Grand Prix of Long Beach.

When IndyCar announced there would be a new spec car for the 2012 season, Panoz proposed the DeltaWing as the new spec chassis. It had a body shaped like a Land Speed Record car, but with a very narrow front track in order to reduce frontal area and thus generate typical IndyCar speeds from a small-capacity engine of far less horsepower, while relying primarily on underbody aerodynamics to create downforce.

The car was regarded by IndyCar as being too 'outside-the-box' and chose the Dallara DW12 instead, and so Panoz LLC turned its focus to adapting the DeltaWing into a two-seat sportscar to be constructed by Dan Gurney's All American Racers run by Highcroft Racing, and with Nissan badging on the engine.

Entered into the 2012 Le Mans 24 Hours under the "Garage 56" rules for experimental cars, the DeltaWing set a pace that made it reasonably competitive in LMP2 before retirement due to contact with another car. In that year's Petit Le Mans, it finished fifth.

Panoz took over the whole project again in 2013, developing a closed cockpit model with Mazda power for the ALMS series, scoring another fifth place at Road America. Following the merger of the ALMS with Grand-Am for 2014, the coupe DeltaWing scored fourth at Petit Le Mans, and in 2015 took sixth at Road America, but the car was dogged by reliability issues. In the 2016 Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona, the DeltaWing managed to lead 29 laps but suffered an accident, but more usually it was unreliability that dogged the project.



The far more conventional Avezzano, Panoz's current GT car with clear visual links back to the Esperante, has been one of the strongest forces in the Pirelli World Challenge's GTS class, Ian James winning regularly for Team Panoz Racing, and finishing second in the championship last year. This year, Panoz clinched the GTS SprintX Manufacturers' title.

